



THE GAP COLLECTIVE

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New Partnership

"This Rescue Mission is a homeless shelter based in El Paso. We are Gospel-centered and our goal is to share the love of Christ with everybody that comes in and we do that by providing for their physical needs, but by meeting their spiritual needs as well, through Chapel and our Chaplin. When they come here, they can get food, clothing, meet with case workers, and take care of any of their needs. Our goal is to make sure they get what they need and become productive for society again, whether for a job or a permanent house. We do not just want to give a hand out but a hand up. We provide hope, we believe, by showing them that Jesus is ultimately that hope for them, by coming here they can come receive those physical needs they have and spiritual needs met through the love of Jesus Christ"

- Teresa Filyes

**A collective of
creatives and leaders
who partner together
to lead our
communities in the
love of God.**

Welcome to the fifth newsletter from the Gap Collective! My name is Bilyanca Gomez, and in these newsletters, you can stay up-to-date on all the happenings that are going on with the Collective. One of the beauties that I have come to appreciate is that not everyone gets to experience what I experience as the Operations Director. People only see what we market, push, and what you guys participate in. Through these newsletters on this blog page, you can hear and see some of the inner workings that we come to appreciate.

- NEW MEMBERS -

Zachary Medina

"Hello everyone! My name is Zach Medina but most people know me as "DJ Trelic." I'd first like to thank, [member] Fernie Elguea for inviting me to join the Collective and I'm excited to work with all of you. I'm a 16 year old Christian DJ/Music Producer. I love electronic, hip hop, and worship music. I've been blessed with the opportunity to open up a few youth events around the city and share my music with people. I am a sophomore at Immanuel Christian School and I also lead worship there every Friday morning. At times it can be tough to lead my classmates in worship, but I have a passion to see them connect with Christ through the music."

Teresa Filyes

"I am the Marketing Director at the Rescue Mission of El Paso. I am originally from Wisconsin which means I am a Packer fan and love cheese! I have called El Paso home for almost 7 years because the weather is amazing. My heart and passion is sharing the love of God with those who are broken and hurting. I am excited to be part of the Gap Collective and meet other people who have a heart to share God's love with our commuting!"

Nestor Lucero

"I study Engineering Leadership with a minor in Commercial Music & Recording at UTEP. I love all things music. From writing, playing, and live mixing to recording and producing. I play bass guitar at Abundant Living Faith Center and I am very involved with the youth band there. My heart breaks deeply for the lost which makes this opportunity to join the Gap Collective and impact our community one I am very excited for! Can't wait to see this journey begin and also to meet this great team!"

Israel Escudero

"I go to Hope City Church. I'm very glad to finally be a part of The Gap Collective. I recently came to Christ and have nothing but passion and love for what The Collective is doing. Sharing the gospel and serving God's Kingdom has become the most prevalent part of my life and I'm excited to join you in reaching all the communities here in El Paso!"

Christy Gutierrez

"I am a creative and strategic thinker, passionate about connecting with people and exceeding goals. I am also a proud Latina, believer, blogger, photographer, but the best title I get to claim (very soon!) is the last name of my high school sweetheart. I run the extra mile, burn the midnight oil, and order the extra side of salsa. I believe The Gap Collective is where I believe my calling and professional skills collide, and I am ready to make some noise."

Minister Salute

"It's Minister Salute! The New Member of The Gap Collective. I first want to thank you all for inviting me to be a part of this awesome organization, and it's an honor. I believe in the vision, and this has actually been an answered prayer. So again thank you all."

Jesus Lives Here Mural

Jeremiah Navarro, one of the very first members of The Gap Collective, having completed over several murals around the city has just completed his most recent project. This mural was very unique to the artist, to the organization and to the community. It was a collaboration between the Gap Collective and The Rescue Mission of El Paso. The mural took a week and a half of man hours, unfortunate weather situations but a blessing to the staff and community.

Here is what the artist said:

"In the Bible Jesus talks about for us to follow him, serving as his Hands and Feet, which describes the Rescue Mission and all the work they do such as clothing, shelter, food and tangible things. The original message was "Love lives here", but after I got to talk to somebody at the Rescue Mission, "Jesus lives here" fit that [vision] perfect. It is a big wall and we had to use it wisely, something people can see from far away, easily read, bold lettering, and the design work and the location was great. The mural includes silhouettes of a woman holding her child, a man praising God, images that take place here at the rescue mission. Jesus evokes the thoughts of God, love, caring for the people that surrounded him, what their actually doing here and sharing the gospel."

"A real satisfaction and contentment that comes when seeing it, I think that when you're passing through the street it jumps out at you, something you don't see in this specific area, a lot of concrete and warehouses, seeing something colorful brings a lot of joy to my heart. When I hear stories about Jesus himself he helped everybody who was around him, and I feel like that's exactly what they do here [the Rescue Mission], they help people in desperate need that have nowhere else to go, no more options, like their helpless. I hope that people really just remember that there is a God that loves them and he's there for them and they can get real tangible help and to just seek him out."

"We want the community to know we're here and were here to provide help for those that are helpless and by painting a picture we can beautiful the neighborhood, we provided lights for safety for people walking by at night, to represent the rescue mission and better our community where we're located" Teresa Filyes, Rescue Mission Marketing Director

"A message of Grace and a reminder with the help for those who have nowhere else to go."

- Danny Gallarzo, KVIA Chief Photographer and Journalist